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St. Joseph's School is a child safe school

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Thursday 26th August 2021

Our Prayer for this week
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We as Principals received this Prayer from our Director on Friday.

It is certainly fitting in these difficult times.

Thanks Paul.

*Loving Creator God,
At this time of uncertainty,
We remember all our colleagues and friends in the Shepparton region.
Our thoughts and prayers are with them all.
Bless our little ones, the young, the frightened and confused.
We ask for strength, that the pandemic may not diminish us,
We ask for wisdom, so our problems may be met,
We ask for courage, that we may overcome our fears,
We ask for patience and trust, so our lives may be lived with the optimism you
have woven into our being,
We ask for love, so our gaze may never leave those who need us,
May we be people of purpose, integrity, hope and positivity.
In you we trust, O Lord,
And for this we give thanks.
Amen*

St Joseph's School is a Catholic Community in the Josephite tradition where we learn and grow in the Spirit together.



St Joseph's School acknowledges the Taungurung people, the traditional custodians of the land on which our school is situated. We commit ourselves to actively work alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice

I am at my best when I am being Friendly, Respectful and a Positive Learner

Welcome to the end of Week 7, Term 3

Welcome to the seventh week of Term 3. I hope that I will be back on deck soon. I had a test on Tuesday and I am waiting on results.

Thank you to the staff for all the work they have done with moving to remote learning on Monday.

To-

Maddy, for stepping up in my absence.

Megan, for taking on extra duties and assisting Liz with her workload.

Liz, even though she is on leave, being prepared to keep working in having things ready for her students.

Sam D and Sam G, for their flexibility with their workdays and setting up the book fair.

Janelle, for her ongoing work with changing over to ICON.

Gen, for her flexibility in working with tutoring students online.

Sandi, for her ability to work extra days when Janelle has been away.

Tim, for his continued support for our families.

Damian, for his continued work in keeping all our technology working.

In particular, to you our families for all you work with keeping our students learning.

St Joseph's Athletics Carnival

With the current Lockdown in place, we will reassess the situation when we have more details next week when we know where we stand after next week's possible ending of lockdown restrictions.

Enrolments

We are taking enrolments now for 2022. If you have a child who is eligible, or you know of anyone who has a child ready for school, please encourage them to contact the school to have a conversation with me or one of the teachers.

Try School

We will commence our Try School program when the restrictions are eased.

St Joseph's Centenary Celebrations

Next year in March, it will be 100 years since the Sisters of St Joseph started teaching here on this site. I am asking for expressions of interest to form a committee to organise the celebrations for this special event. Please contact the school on 03 57942 608 if you are interested in being on the steering committee.

**You can't go back and
change the beginning,
but you can start where
you are and *change
the ending.***

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C.S. LEWIS

We are praying for:

- For Chris Hooper who currently on leave and is recovering
- For Liz Tang, who is currently on leave and recovering.
- Fr Tony and our Parish community, especially those who are unwell or receiving treatment.
- State and Commonwealth Leaders who are guiding us through the pandemic.



Pupil Free Days this Year

1. November 1st Report Writing Day
2. November 22nd (Planning Day)

St. Joseph's Calendar

August

30th Science show- Chemistry Capers.
(Postponed date to be fixed)

September.

1st Advisory Council
2nd St Joseph's Athletics Day. (On hold)
8th District Athletics in Shepparton. (Not sure if this will go ahead)
14th Montessori Adolescent Program at Templestowe College Theatre performance
15th Family Bush Dance.
18th End of Term
25th AFL Grand Final

October

3rd Daylight savings starts.
4th Start Term 4
5th Division Athletics in Epping.
13th to the 15th 2/3/4 camp at Nillahcootie
20th Advisory Council

November

1st Pupil Free Day.
2nd Public Holiday (Melbourne Cup)
3rd Spirit day. (For Confirmation Students)
11th Remembrance Day



Sunset over Euroa on Monday 23rd August.



*Marble run
created by
Scarlett and
Gabe*

PHOTOS for Newsletter

Send them to

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All Student Absence Please TXT to 0417
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Classroom News - Term 3, Week 7

Book Week and Book Fair:

Unfortunately, we were unable to have our dress up day this week, hopefully we will be able to reschedule this day once we are back at school. Keep an eye on your emails for information about how we are going to conduct the book fair this year.

TA Meetings

As Liz is still unwell, meetings for the F/1 students are not able to take place at the moment, information will be sent home when Liz is able to conduct these meetings.

Athletics

Our athletics were to take place next Thursday; this has been put on hold now. We will advise of the new date when we are able to reschedule.

Seeking Donations

We are looking for donations of large catering sized buckets for a future project. If you are able to assist, please contact the school or bring any donations into the office. We would appreciate donations to assist our students' learning.

Have a great week everyone!

Liz, Megan, Maddy, Gen, Sam D, Sam G, Chris & Tim.



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

1. Here are some fabulous books that you might want to find/ borrow to read with your child. They have a strong storyline, which will help develop your child's comprehension.

- Fearless by Colin Thompson
- The Three Little Bush Pigs by Paul Dallimore
- Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae
- Possum Magic by Mem Fox
- Clancy the Courageous Cow by Lachie Hume
- The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
- Elmer by David McKee
- There was an old lady who swallowed a fly by Rose Bon



BOOK WEEK DRESS UP





Catholic Identity Report – by Liz Tang, REL.

Coming up on September the 5th, we acknowledge a memorial day for Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Mother Teresa was a humanitarian. This means she did things to help out other people. Her entire life was fully devoted to helping the poor, the sick, the needy, and the helpless.

Where did Mother Teresa grow up?

Mother Teresa was born in Uskub, Ottoman Empire on August 26, 1910. This city is called Skopje and is the capital of the Republic of Macedonia. Her birth name was Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. Her father died when she was eight and she was raised by her mother.

Agnes grew up in the Roman Catholic Church and decided to devote her life to God at an early age. When she turned 18, Agnes joined the Sisters of Loreto to become a missionary to India. Before she could go to India, she had to learn English. She spent a year in Ireland learning to speak English at the Loreto Abby.

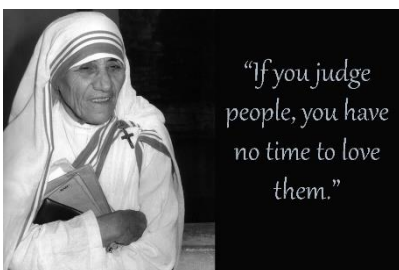
A year later, Agnes began her missionary work in Darjeeling, India. She learned the local language, Bengali, and taught at the local school. In 1931, she took her vows as a nun and chose the name Teresa. She taught for many years in India becoming the headmistress at a school in eastern Calcutta.



What did Mother Teresa do?

When she was 36 years old, Mother Teresa felt the call from God to help the poor of India. She received some basic medical training and then set out to help the sick and needy. This wasn't an easy task in 1948 India. She had very little support and, while trying to feed and help the poorest of the poor, she herself was constantly hungry and even had to beg for food.

Missionaries of Charity



people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to the society and are shunned by everyone".

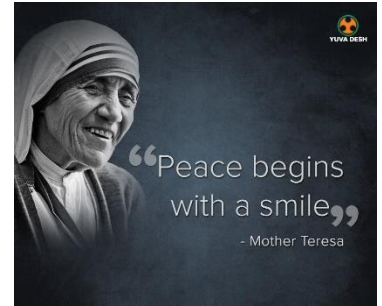
When she first started, the Missionaries of Charity there were only 13 members. Today, the group has over 4,000 members who care for people all over the world.

It was not an easy task to build such an organization and to keep the focus on the poorest people. She worked almost up until her death on September 5, 1997.



Fun facts about Mother Teresa

- Mother Teresa has been beatified by the Catholic Church. This is a step on the way to becoming a Saint. She is now called Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.
- She never saw her mother or sister again after leaving home to become a missionary.
- Albania's international airport is named after her, the Aeroporti Nene Tereza.
- She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. Rather than have the traditional Nobel honour banquet, she asked that the money for the banquet be donated to the poor of India.
- She once travelled through a war zone to rescue 37 children from the front lines.
- She received numerous awards for all her charity work including the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Ronald Reagan.
- It takes around 9 years of service to become a full member of the Missionaries of Charity.



Saint Mother Teresa, your generosity to the poor and destitute inspired millions. Your life of dedication to prayer, to the Church, and to the dignity of all life inspires us still. May we emulate your life of total service and total love by loving God first.



What a remarkable person! May we be inspired by her life to live our own lives fully!

INVITATION from University of Melbourne – A free online Webinar for families

August 30, 8pm to 9pm.

Gain insights and tips to help your family manage better through lockdowns.

Covid-19 has forced many families to adapt to a new reality of remote learning, working from home, cancellation of social activities and more time spent with family members, which can raise the emotional temperature for everyone.

There is no doubt lockdowns are a stressful time for families, however there are also many things we can do to support and improve our wellbeing during these times.

During this discussion, the panel of health and wellbeing experts along with community members, will provide insights and tips on how families can work together to manage through lockdowns including the role parents can play, maintaining hope, tips to improve motivation for young people and more.

The webinar is ideal for families with children across Australia and allied health professionals who provide services to families. The discussion will go for 40 minutes followed by questions from the audience. Submit questions via Q&A on the day.

The webinar is hosted by Professor Jane Gunn, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences at the University of Melbourne, and forms part of the 'In pursuit of health' event series.

[Tips to help families cope during Lockdowns,](#)

Event details and bookings are [listed here](#)

CES Limited Pastoral Wellbeing Team

Bulletin

29th August 2021

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

Clinging to human traditions

for the Catholic parishes of
St John the Evangelist
Euroa, Violet Town, Longwood
St Malachy's
Nagambie, Avenel

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We pray for: all who have died recently, for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and for those who have died alone, unloved, or forgotten. May they rest in peace.

We pray for: Baby Brody Rosen, Theresa Hall, Dina Van Dyk, June Mulally, Billy O'Connor, Benjamin Playford, Ollie Bodiam, Ciara Ryan, Sian Pasqual, Helen Perry, Patrick Cahill, Alice Cahill, Frank Boyer, Ted Palling, Max Perry, Sr Frances Kennedy, and for all those in our community and beyond who are ill.

Please contact Fr Tony or your parish contact if you would like a name added to the prayer list.



NO MASSES OR SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES THIS SUNDAY

Mass on TV

Mass for you at Home

Channel 10 every Sunday at 6:00am

Mass online

from St Kilian's with Bishop Shane at 10:00am:
sandhurst.catholic.org.au



A Message from Bishop Shane Social Justice Sunday 29 August 2022

"I urge everyone to read this year's Social Justice Statement, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*.

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au



It is an excellent document and I look forward, with the people of Sandhurst, to this Statement being a guide and encouragement for our diocesan journey towards ecological conversion and action."

PRAYER: CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR

By listening with an open heart to those who are most affected, we can begin, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to discern the signs of the times.

Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:
the bush grown more silent,
the birdsong less vibrant,
the stream's sluggish ripple.
Have mercy and open our ears.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:
the soil depleted,
the sky smudged,
the oceans rubbished and the great currents slowed.
Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:
the workers who struggle to get by,
the women subjected to violence,
the people who are excluded.
Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:
the sound of hungry children,
the distress of the mentally ill,
the silent pain of homeless women and men.
Have mercy and open our ears.

Send your Spirit upon us Lord to renew our sight,
to restore our hearing,
and to reclaim your reign of justice for all people
and peace for creation. **AMEN**

*St John's and St Malachy's are safe parishes where children and vulnerable adults are respected and protected from harm.
Children going to the toilet from the churches must be accompanied by an adult family member.
Child Safety Officer in Avenel/Nagambie Grace Kenworthy 0405 125 963 and in Euroa Mary Murphy 0457 847 056*

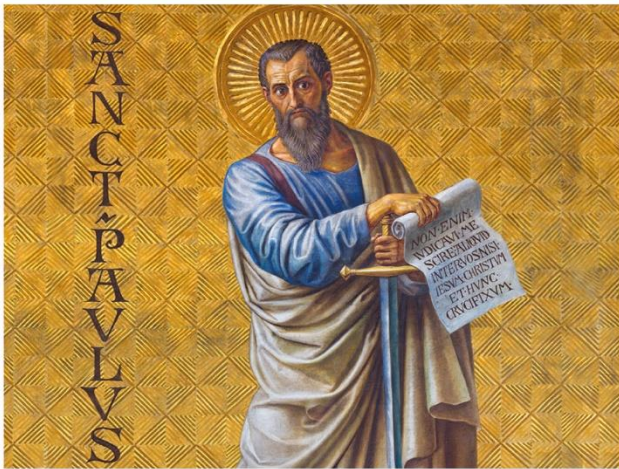
FROM FR TONY

Occasionally I find myself caught up in a web of intrigue where I'm talking about someone with others who think the same negative thoughts. Someone might annoy me and it's not hard to find others who are annoyed by the same person. If it goes on long enough, it can get quite ugly as we think more and more about another's faults and failings and voice them.

I often take comfort from the words of St Paul in the Letter to the Romans where he speaks about wanting to do the right thing, but failing and doing the wrong thing by people. "For I do not do the good I want to do. Instead, I keep on doing the evil I do not want to do." (Romans 7:19)

Most of us want to live noble lives, that is, lives that are basically holy. But below the surface there are all the little things about others that annoy us, and occasionally these will come to the surface and our actions are much less than noble to the point of being profane; the opposite of holy.

In psychology we learned of "the fundamental option." Generally all of us have a fundamental option in our minds and souls to be noble and good; to care for others; to live Christian lives as well as we possibly can. Our fundamental option is basically to do good.



But there is an enormous difference between inner integrity and outward show. For me, the outward show can often be religious behaviour. "Oh, he's such a lovely priest," or "He's such a holy man." But underneath I may not be.

Jesus, in today's Gospel, points out that it is not what goes into people that makes them unclean. It is what comes out of us, and he goes on to list the evil intentions and practices that issue from people's hearts. He continues by calling on his listeners to renew the message of the prophets whereby we need to develop religious practice that

has inner integrity. What is important is to have a right relationship with God and others in our hearts.

It seems to me that anyone who is in a true and healthy relationship with God is much less likely to sin or to be cruel to or about others than those who delude themselves and their relationship with God is mere lip service or outward show.

In today's Psalm we are told that the one who dwells with God is the one who walks without fault, who acts with justice, and who speaks the truth from the heart.

Once again, we can take heart by listening to St Paul, "And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise." (Philippians 4:8)

Perhaps we could take the words of Paul and today's Psalm as our prayer for the week, and if we're tempted to put anyone down stop and think and be noble Christians.

AFGHANISTAN ACTION

We are all aware the Afghan people, especially ethnic and religious minorities as well as women and children are in great danger. In addition, there are more than 5,100 Afghans living in Australia, many with families in Afghanistan, and many on temporary visas, without any certainty about their future. CAPSA (Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum - including Caritas, Vinnies & many more) has made it easy for you to add your voice calling for an increased humanitarian intake and guarantee to visa holders.

Go to Action for Afghanistan - CAPSA

Also, Caritas Australia is raising funds to support vulnerable communities in Afghanistan.

Go to caritas.org.au or call 1800 024 413.

MASSSES SOON WE HOPE

We are still hopeful that Masses will go ahead on the weekend of 4th and 5th September.

Any meetings that were scheduled last weekend that occur before lockdown is supposed to end at midnight on 2/9 have been cancelled or postponed - we'll work out postponement dates afterwards.

SANDPIPER

The latest issue of the Sandpiper is now available by subscribing to the Sandhurst eNewsletter online at:

sandhurst.catholic.org.au

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